

Activity:	Federal Land Acquisition
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Activity Summary

	FY 2004 Enacted	FY 2005 Estimate	FY 2006			Change From 2005 (+/-)
			Uncontr/ Related Changes	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
Federal Land Acquisition	31,396	44,769	0	-1,638	43,131	-1,638
Total Requirements	31,396	44,769	0	-1,638	43,131	-1,638
<i>FTE Requirements</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0

FY 2004 amount does not include transfers of \$32.215 million in prior year balances to ONPS, NPS Construction and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for Everglades restoration.

Authorization

16 USC 460I-4 to I-11 The Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965
P.L. 104-333 American Battlefield Protection Act of 1996, as amended by P.L. 107-359

Mission Overview

The Federal Land Acquisition Activity supports the National Park Service mission by contributing to three fundamental goals for the National Park Service: 1) Natural and cultural resources and associated values are protected, restored, and maintained in good condition and managed within their broader ecosystem and cultural context; 2) The National Park Service contributes to knowledge about natural and cultural resources and associated values so that management decisions about resources and visitors are based on adequate scholarly and scientific information; and 3) Visitors safely enjoy and are satisfied with the availability, accessibility, diversity, and quality of park facilities, services, and appropriate recreational opportunities. This budget activity contributes to DOI's outcome goals to improve health of watersheds, landscapes, and marine resources; sustain biological communities; protect cultural and natural heritage resources; provide for a quality recreation experience, including access and enjoyment of natural and cultural resources; and, protect lives, resources and properties.

FY 2006 Base Program Overview

Using funds appropriated within the **Federal Land Acquisition** budget activity, the NPS acquires land and interests in land to preserve and protect, for public use and enjoyment, the historic, scenic, natural, and recreational values of congressionally authorized areas within the National Park System. This program helps to meet the increasingly heavy visitor demand for Federal recreation areas, conserves outstanding resources for public recreational use before they are converted to incompatible uses, and preserves the Nation's natural and historic heritage.

A total of 1,807,706 non-Federal acres within the authorized boundaries of the National Park System have been identified for Federal acquisition after FY 2005 at an estimated cost of approximately \$1.7 billion. The Land Resources Program has established a target of acquiring two percent per annum of the lands identified. This modest target, based on anticipated appropriation levels, will place emphasis on high-priority acquisitions and encourage innovative means of working with partners and neighbors to protect non-Federal lands until such time as the Service can acquire them.

FY 2004 Program Performance Accomplishments

- At Valley Forge National Historical Park, with the assistance of a non-profit conservation organization, purchased a 61-acre tract of land that had been slated for residential development.
- Purchased 312 acres that were added to Tumacacori National Historical Park in 2002 to protect the historic Tumacacori Mission.
- Acquisitions at Big Cypress (453 acres) and Everglades (1,962 acres) support DOI initiative to restore water flow into the Everglades/Florida

Method of Acquisition	Acres Acquired
Purchase	8,075
Condemnation	149
Donation	5,125
Exchange	346
Transfer	470
Total	14,165

Bay ecosystem.

FY 2005 Planned Program Performance

Some of the needs to be addressed in FY 2005 land acquisition include:

- Supporting vital partnership efforts to protect nationally significant resources: Appalachian National Scenic Trail, Big Thicket National Preserve, and Cumberland Gap National Historical Park.
- Critical acquisitions of lands added by recently enacted legislation: Congaree National Park, Cumberland Gap National Historical Park, Lewis and Clark National Historical Park, Mount Rainier National Park, Pu'uuhonua o Honaunau National Historical Park, and Wilson's Creek National Battlefield.

The following table lists the FY 2005 Land Acquisition Program:

Summary of NPS FY 2005 Land Acquisition Program

Program/Park Unit	State(s)	Amount
Emergencies/Hardships	Various	\$2,465
Inholdings/Exchanges	Various	2,465
Appalachian National Scenic Trail (High Top Mountain)	Virginia	1,361
Big Thicket National Preserve	Texas	4,478
Blue Ridge Parkway	Virginia	740
Civil War Battlefield Preservation Grants	Various	4,930
Congaree National Park	South Carolina	5,917
Cumberland Gap National Historical Park (Fern Lake)	Kentucky	986
Guilford Courthouse National Military Park	North Carolina	247
Harpers Ferry National Historical Park	West Virginia	2,860
Ice Age National Scenic Trail	Wisconsin	986
Lewis and Clark National Historical Park	Oregon	4,931
Mojave National Preserve (Relocation)	California	1,578
Mount Rainier National Park	Washington	986
National Capital Parks	District of Columbia	2,445
New River Gorge National River	West Virginia	1,972
Niobrara National Scenic River	Nebraska	197
Pinnacles National Monument	California	2,563
Pu'uuhonua o Honaunau National Historical Park	Hawaii	4,536
Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District	Virginia	1,479
Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore	Michigan	1,479
Valley Forge National Historical Park	Pennsylvania	1,479
Wilson's Creek National Battlefield	Missouri	4,438
Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve	Alaska	1,479
<i>Use of unobligated funds</i>	<i>Various</i>	<i>-12,228</i>
Total		44,769

Justification of FY 2006 Budget Request: Federal Land Acquisition

Request Component	Amount	FTE
FY 2005 Program	44,769	0
Programmatic Changes	0	
• Land Acquisitions	-1,638	0
TOTAL, Program Changes	-1,638	0
Uncontrollable changes	No Change	0
FY 2006 Budget Request	43,131	0
Net change	-1,638	0

The FY 2006 budget request for Federal Land Acquisition is \$43.131 million, a net decrease of \$1.638 million from the 2005 enacted level.

Land Acquisitions: -\$1.638 million

The NPS is proposing a decrease of \$1.638 million in order to fund higher priorities.

Fiscal Year 2006 National Park Service Federal Land Acquisition Program

Priority	Program/Park Unit	State(s)	Acres	Amount
	Emergencies/Hardships		-	\$4,000
	Inholdings/Exchanges		-	4,000
1	Flight 93 National Memorial	Pennsylvania	1,556	4,281
2	Big Thicket National Preserve	Texas	4,032	8,000
3	Lewis and Clark National Historical Park	Oregon	160	1,600
4	Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore	Michigan	59	5,800
5	Wilson's Creek National Battlefield	Missouri	210	1,200
6	Pinnacles National Monument	California	1,001	3,000
7	Haleakala National Park	Hawaii	4,374	4,050
8	Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve	Alaska	972	1,900
9	Carter G. Woodson Home National Historic Site	District of Columbia	1	1,600
10	Golden Gate National Recreation Area	California	15	525
11	Prince William Forest Park	Virginia	19	1,175
	Civil War Battlefield Sites (Grants)	Various	N/A	2,000
Total			12,399	\$43,131

A more comprehensive table of the FY 2006 NPS Federal Land Acquisition program follows.



The NPS proposes to acquire high priority tracts for the Flight 93 National Memorial that include portions of the impact site and several buildings used by the FBI and State police. Shown here is the temporary memorial and other facilities.



Acquisition of the Carter G. Woodson Home in Washington, DC is the first step to establishing a park unit, recognizing one of America's most noted historians and educators of African American history.